

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
on April 19, 2001

Date of Deposit

EL 424753292US

"Express Mail" mailing label number

K. Shannon Mrksich, Ph.D., Reg. No. 36,675

Name of applicant, assignee or
Registered Representative

S. Mrksich

Signature

4-19-01

Date of Signature

HJS
FB
10/4/01

Our Case No. 10466/18

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Franklin Okumu

Serial No.

Filing Date: Filed Herewith

For: SUSTAINED RELEASE
FORMULATIONS

Examiner

Group Art Unit No.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please insert the following paragraph after the title and before the

"Field of the Invention":

MSB

This application is based on Provisional Application Serial No. 60/198,209;

filed April 19, 2000, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.

REMARKS

No new matter is added by this amendment. The specification has been amended to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Shannon Mrksich
K. Shannon Mrksich, Ph.D.
Registration No. 36,675
Attorney for Applicant

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 321-4200